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WHAT STARTED AS A CHALLENGE HAS BECOME QUITE THE EXPERIENCE FOR ONE SD 10-YEAR OLD

In July we shared with you the story about 10-year old Isabella Boeve from Sioux Falls, who accepted the 50-Yard Challenge issued by "Raising Men Lawn Care Service." Her goal was to mow 50 lawns for free for those who are disabled, elderly, single moms, or veterans.

Earlier this summer she mowed the lawn of SDDVA Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard. This past weekend Isabella mowed the lawn of South Dakota's Medal of Honor recipient Michael J. Fitzmaurice. She shared the mowing duties with Rodney Smith, Jr., the founder of Raising Men Lawn Care Service. To date, over 150,000

lawns have been mowed for our heroes through this program.

Isabella's venture afforded her the opportunity to do a great deed for a great hero, but she also got to visit with Fitzmaurice and see his Medal of Honor and hear his story.

Special thanks to Isabella for being a great South Dakota hero helping other South Dakota heroes one yard at a time!



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JUDY JOINS SDDVA TEAM

Mike Judy is the newest member of the SDDVA team. Judy will serve as the veterans service officer at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home starting next week.

Mike, his wife, and three boys are moving to South Dakota from Penrose, CO.

Mike served over ten years as an infantryman in the U.S. Army.

Mike's email address is michael.judy@state.sd.us and his direct line at the Home is 605-745-5127 ext. 1500123.

Please join us in welcoming Mike to our team!



SANFORD HEALTH RECEIVES FREEDOM AWARD

SDDVA's Program Manager Heather Bullerman joined veterans and community leaders Saturday night in Sioux Falls as Sanford Health was presented this year's Employer Support "Freedom Award."

The award was created to publicly recognize employers who provide exceptional support to their guard and reserve employees. Almost half of the U.S.



military is composed of the guard and reserve. The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve. This award recognizes employers who provide the most outstanding support for their guard and reserve employees and is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense.

THREE SDNG MEMBERS NAMED TO ALL-GUARD MARATHON TEAM

Three South Dakota National Guard members were named to the 2020-2021 All-Guard Marathon Team after competing in the 26.2-mile race among 124 National Guard soldiers and airmen from 34 different states and territories.

Capt. Rebecca Linder, Officer Candidate Richard Langdeaux and Senior Master Sgt. Beth Johnson competed in the National Guard Marathon Time Trials at the Omaha Marathon, Sept. 20, to earn a spot on the 45-member team.

Traditionally held in Lincoln, Nebraska in May, the National Guard Time Trials were rescheduled to the Omaha Marathon after the annual Lincoln Marathon was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The All-Guard team includes the top 24 males, top 17 females and top four masters qualifiers (two male/two female over age 40) from the competition.

This year's top National Guard Marathon Team winners: California National Guard Capt. Kenny Rayner, overall male winner with a time of 2:35:18; Kentucky National Guard Lt. Col. Varinka Ensminger, overall female winner with a time of 3:16:21; and the Indiana National Guard Team was the overall team winner of the 2020 National Guard Marathon Team Time with an average team time of 3:05:16.

Linder, Langdeaux and Johnson are now eligible to compete and represent the National Guard in select events across the country. The All-Guard Marathon Team is part of the All-Guard Military Competitions Program that encourages and enhances the National Guard Retention Program by instilling physical fitness, self-discipline, and esprit de corps among National Guard members from all 54 U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Langdeaux, a member of the 1-196th Regional Training Institute, finished with a time of 3:00:39. Linder, a member of the 1742nd Transportation Company, finished with a time of 3:26:48. Johnson, a member of the 114th Medical Group, finished with a time of 3:44:37.

Four other SDNG members also competed in the time trials: Spc. Jacob Hernandez (153rd Engineer Battalion) time: 3:18:14; CW2 Kenny Maas (153rd Engineer Battalion) time: 3:31:10; Sgt. 1st Class Louis du Randt (153rd Engineer Battalion) time: 3:46:01; and Capt. Betsy Schaefer (881st Troop Command) time: 5:11:52.



VA WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched [White Ribbon VA](#), a month-long national call to action to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The VA invites everyone to participate in this campaign by pledging to stop violence against others and to wear a white ribbon as a symbol of commitment throughout the month of October and beyond.

“White Ribbon VA promotes positive cultural change and a respectful, safe, and welcoming health care environment for patrons, volunteers and visitors in VA health care settings and surrounding communities,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “It is critically important everyone, including VA employees, feel welcome and physically and emotionally safe at all VA facilities. This means creating an environment that is free from incidents of all types of harassment, including sexual and discriminatory harassment. The VA will not tolerate behaviors that create an intimidating, offensive or hostile atmosphere.”

White Ribbon VA was inspired by the White Ribbon organization, a thought-leader in gender-based violence prevention and promoter of gender equity and healthy relationships. VA employees and community partners examine the far-reaching impact and implications of harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence by pledging to never commit, excuse, or stay silent about sexual harassment, sexual assault, or domestic violence against others.

The VA collaborates with community partners to educate and help veterans, their families, staff, and community partners to honor VA health care settings as safe and welcoming environments by:

- Recognizing that touching, comments about appearance, or referring to people by condescending derogatory names may make them feel uncomfortable.
- Talking to others about the repercussions of unwanted hugging, touching, or flirting.
- Giving everyone extra individual space.
- Understanding some veterans and others may have invisible wounds and experiences may not fully understand.
- Leading by example through thoughts, words, and actions.
- Remembering every single person expects courteous treatment or RESPECT.

The campaign also challenges negative, outdated concepts and inspires people to understand and embrace being part of positive change through awareness-raising, capacity-building, partnerships, outreach, technical assistance, and other educational opportunities. White Ribbon VA supports the continued implementation of the [Stand Up to Stop Harassment Now! Campaign](#) launched in VA health care facilities nationwide in fall 2019.

The VA has been committed to applying the [Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program](#) (IPVAP) since 2014 to promote safe, healthy relationships for veterans, their intimate partners, and VA staff. Currently, more than 90% of VA Medical Centers have a designated IPVAP coordinator and programming designed to raise awareness, provide professional development and education, develop professional standards in clinical practice, use data to inform program operations, and identify best practices using evidence-based and trauma-informed practices.

Additional information can be found at [VA's Intimate Partner Violence Assistance program](#).

LARRY BROWN NAMED NEW CMO FOR VISN 23

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Larry L. Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.P. as the new Chief Medical Officer for the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23).

“Dr. Brown has proven leadership qualities and experience having served as the VISN’s Medical Director of Primary and Specialty Medicine since 2018,” said Mr. Robert McDivitt, VA Midwest Health Care Executive Director. “In his new position as Chief Medical Officer, I am certain he will continue be a valuable asset to our VISN, our employees and volunteers, our health care partners, the community, and importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve.”

Dr. Brown joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2016. Prior to joining VA, Dr. Brown held several key leadership roles in the private sector.

Dr. Brown holds a Medical Degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska, and a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

The VA Midwest Health Care Network, also known as Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, is one of 18 Health Care Systems in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Administration. The Network serves more than 440,000 enrolled Veterans residing in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and portions of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Health care services are delivered through an integrated system of 9 medical centers, 69 community-based outpatient clinics, 8 community living centers and 4 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs. The Network employs over 15,000 full-time employees and has an annual operating budget in excess of \$2.9 billion.



STATE CEMETERY UPDATE



Construction crews are continuing to finish stonework on all buildings at the future state veterans cemetery.

The poles for the avenue of flags have been installed and crypts are being placed in the ground.

Last week, partners were on site to conduct crypt function load testing.

To date, we have 402 veterans and 299 spouses that have submitted their application for burial in the state veterans cemetery.



SD GUARD ENGINEER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A South Dakota Army National Guard soldier received a national award from the U.S. Army Engineer Association recognizing outstanding military service.

Spc. Cooper Mueller, of Oacoma, received the Van Autreve Award that recognizes junior-enlisted personnel contributions and service to U.S. Army engineers.

Mueller, 21, serves as a bridge crewmember with the Pierre-based 200th Engineer Company and is a third-year nursing student at South Dakota State University.

Named for the fourth Sergeant Major of the Army, Leon. L. Van Autreve, the award is presented annually to a soldier in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard.

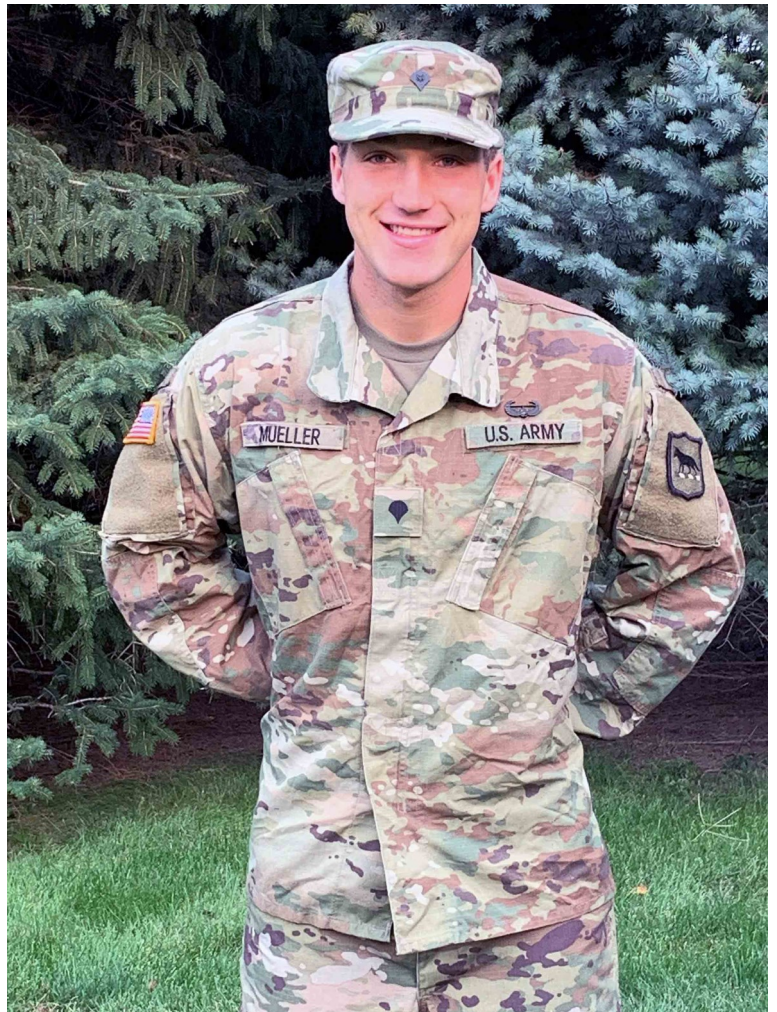
"I am excited and extremely grateful to receive the Van Autreve Award. It's an honor to have been considered for it," said Mueller.

Mueller was selected for the award based on leadership recommendations for his outstanding performance as a soldier and his skills as a bridge crewmember.

"Mueller is an outstanding soldier and continuously sets the example for others to follow," said Capt. Geoffrey Pollman, 200th commander. "His conduct and willingness to exemplify the Army Values has set him apart from his peers. He has surpassed all expectations and continuously volunteers for new challenges."

The Van Autreve Award is one of five engineer awards presented annually. Award selection areas include training and education, leadership skills, personal growth, management experience and other discerning areas in the overall selection process.

"I think the best part about being in the South Dakota National Guard is the ability to learn skills you'd never get to try on the civilian side. I don't have many friends that have had the opportunity to rappel or shoot a MK19 (grenade launcher)," said Mueller. "I enjoy the fast tempo of it (being a bridge crewmember) but also the teamwork aspect of it - no one person could build a bridge."



VA EXPANDS ASSISTANCE FOR CAREGIVERS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced implementation of a new information technology (IT) system marking the official launch of the first phase of expansion of the [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers \(PCAFC\)](#) to caregivers of eligible veterans of earlier eras.

The Caregiver Records Management Application (CARMA) automates manual processes and integrates with other VA systems, resulting in increased efficiencies and effectiveness for VA staff.

The expansion rolls out in two phases. Effective Oct. 1, the first phase includes eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty on or before May 7, 1975. Effective Oct. 1, 2022, the second phase will include eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty between May 7, 1975, and Sept. 11, 2001.

Through CARMA, with a click of a button, an electronic health record will be created for a family caregiver where Caregiver Support Coordinators will document their clinical interactions. CARMA will also help guide consistency by systematically adjusting the VA's stipend payment calculations, as appropriate, and alerting VA users when annual reassessments of PCAFC participants are due, among other key functionalities. In addition, this program expansion also includes a new digital version of the application which allows individuals to apply for the PCAFC online.

"Caregivers provide stability and security to our most vulnerable veterans, allowing them to stay in their homes with their loved ones for as long as possible," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Today begins the first phase of expansion of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. Through this expansion, the VA is able to give more family caregivers access to essential resources so we can support them as they care for veterans of earlier eras."

Since [publishing the final regulation](#) July 31, to improve and expand PCAFC — the VA also expedited hiring key staff who bring the clinical qualifications and organizational skill sets to ensure consistent eligibility decision making across the enterprise, support program needs, and provide strong infrastructure for consistent and standardized application processing and adjudication.

This past year, the Caregiver Support Program expanded to approximately 1,100 staff and will grow to approximately 1,800 staff within the next six months. These changes ensure veterans and caregivers receive timely, accurate assessments and eligibility determinations, as well as an improved customer experience.

Previously, only available for eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, PCAFC provides education, support, a monthly stipend, health care coverage, and certain beneficiary travel to qualifying family caregivers of eligible veterans.

VA's Caregiver Support Program offers a wide variety of support services for caregivers of veterans. Partnerships continue to be created or enhanced to broaden services and supports for caregivers. Learn more by visiting the Caregiver Support Program [website](#) or by calling the Caregiver Support Line at 855-260-3274 for more information.

VA'S HOME LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM PROVIDES REGULATORY RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that VA is allowing home mortgage loan deferments for Veterans who have experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 national emergency.

In [Executive Order 13924](#) President Trump directed federal agencies to rescind, modify, waive, or provide exemptions from regulations and other requirements that may inhibit economic recovery.

Many Veterans have taken advantage of the loan forbearance program provided by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#) (CARES Act). Under the Act, borrowers who have federally-backed loans can receive forbearance of their monthly home loan payments, for up to 360 days. Forbearance does not mean forgiveness. As Veterans exit their CARES Act forbearance periods, they must work with their mortgage company to determine when to repay the missed amounts.

To protect against predatory lending, VA regulations generally prohibit a large, lump-sum balloon payment from being included in the loan. However, temporarily waiving the regulation in these limited circumstances means [Veterans have additional options](#) when resuming regular monthly payments after a CARES Act forbearance — without penalty, additional interest, or late fees.

“A loan deferment can work like a reset button to help alleviate economic burdens some Veterans may be experiencing,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Providing loan deferment as an option could be the one thing standing between financial normalcy and foreclosure.”

VA cannot require mortgage companies to offer loan deferments. Veterans who want to know whether loan deferment is an option should consult their mortgage company directly. Learn more about [VA's deferment options](#).



STATE VETERANS HOME UPDATE



Social Distancing at its best! Heroes from our State Veterans Home had the opportunity to make a little road trip to the Badlands this week. Even outside they were practicing their social distancing!

We commend our staff at the Home for their creativity in providing entertainment for our heroes during this pandemic.

Our team at the Home takes testing quite seriously and have developed quite the area for daily COVID testing of staff.

Please remember to send cards to our heroes to help brighten their days — cards can be sent to MJFSVH, 2500 Minnekahta Avenue, Hot Springs, SD 57747.



VABHHCS DRIVE THRU FLU VACCINE CLINICS

To keep you safe, **Drive Thru Flu Vaccine Clinics** are now offered at Fort Meade, Hot Springs, and Rapid City. Drive-thru clinics require an appointment.

Fort Meade:

Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting on September 29th and 30th.

Hot Springs:

October 13th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
October 15th and 22nd 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rapid City:

October 6th 8:00 a.m. to noon
October 22nd, 27th, and 29th 8:00 a.m. to noon



To make an appointment for the drive-thru clinic call the Contact Center at 1-877-339-6837. When you come through the screening station you will be directed where to go. You can stay in your vehicle but don't forget to wear a mask or face covering.

You can also receive a flu vaccine during a regularly scheduled appointment or call 877-339-6837 to make an appointment. **Because of COVID-19 precautions, walk-ins are not accepted**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months or older should get a yearly flu shot. Flu can be serious among young children, older adults and those with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of Americans are hospitalized with the flu. Keep yourself safe and get the flu vaccine!

Another option to receive your flu vaccine is through an in-network retail pharmacy or urgent care location.

Present a valid, government-issued identification (e.g. Veterans Health ID Card, Department of Defense ID card, state-issued driver's license or ID card, etc.) to receive your flu shot.

Eligible veterans can receive a no-cost, standard-dose (quadrivalent) or high-dose flu shot. For more information or to find a location of an in-network provider go to <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/flushot.asp>

SFVAHCS DRIVE UP FLU SHOTS

If you do not have a scheduled appointment at the VA and you would like your flu shot, please take advantage of this convenient option! Drive up flu clinics will be offered during the following times:

October 2 (Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 3 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. - Noon

October 7 (Wednesday) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 13 (Tuesday) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please enter the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center campus from 26th street and follow the flu clinic signs. All veterans receiving a vaccination will need to wear a face covering.

For veterans with an appointment at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center or VA Community Clinics, the flu vaccine is available at any pre-scheduled appointment starting September 10, 2020.

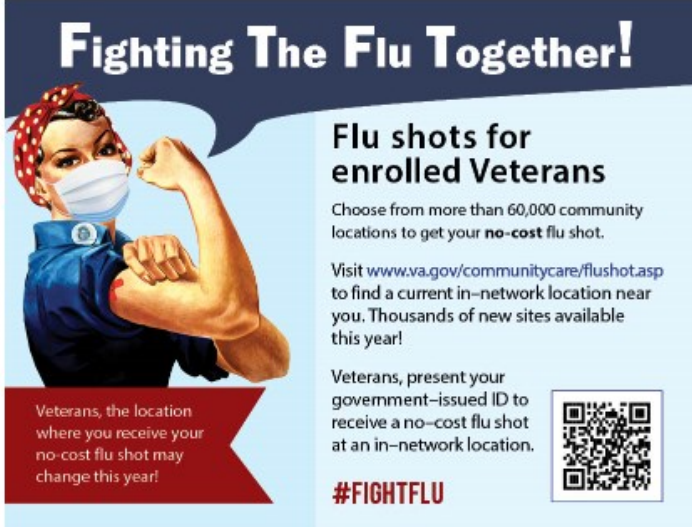
Veterans can receive the flu vaccine at a participating VA Community Care pharmacy provider. To locate an in-network retail pharmacy:

- Visit <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>
- Enter your ZIP code
- Under Facility Type select "Community Pharmacies"
- Call ahead to confirm the pharmacy services and hours.

Eligibility:

- Retail pharmacies: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system
- Urgent care locations: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from a VA or in-network community provider in the past 24 months

For more information please visit https://www.sioxfalls.va.gov/influenza_vaccination.asp



Fighting The Flu Together!

Flu shots for enrolled Veterans

Choose from more than 60,000 community locations to get your **no-cost** flu shot.

Visit www.va.gov/communitycare/flushot.asp to find a current in-network location near you. Thousands of new sites available this year!

Veterans, present your government-issued ID to receive a no-cost flu shot at an in-network location.

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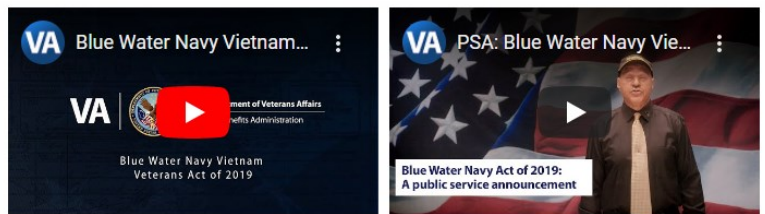
Veterans, the location where you receive your no-cost flu shot may change this year!

VA COMPLETES DIGITIZATION OF ARCHIVED VIETNAM-ERA DECK LOGS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced completion of an interagency effort with the [National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\)](#) to digitize declassified deck logs to process claims faster for eligible Vietnam-era Veterans.

The [U.S. Navy](#) and [Coast Guard](#) deck logs within NARA contain helpful information being used to validate claims for [Blue Water Navy \(BWN\) Veterans](#) who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam, to establish presumption to herbicide exposure for service-connected disability benefits.

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019



“The team at NARA recognizes the importance of this effort making it easier for BWN Veterans to receive the benefits they’ve earned without burdening them with paperwork,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Since January 1, VA has processed thousands of claims and encourages every Veteran, dependent and surviving spouse who is eligible to file a claim as soon as possible.”

Data contained in deck logs is used when deciding VA benefit claims. Also known as ship logs or captain's logs, information was manually inputted to chronologically document the daily activities of a navy ship or unit.

The VA provided the digital images of deck logs to NARA, available in the [National Archives Catalog](#).

“Through this scanning project, VA contractors digitized declassified Navy and Coast Guard deck logs from 1956-1978 in NARA's holdings, including the log of the hospital ship USS Sanctuary which I served aboard during the Vietnam conflict,” said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. “As a veteran from this era, I recognize the unprecedented value this provides to Veterans making these logs easily accessible online.”

Digitization of all available Navy deck logs for ships that served in Vietnam were completed in December 2019, while Coast Guard deck logs were completed in September.

Veterans, dependents and surviving spouses may contact approved [Veterans Service Organizations](#) for assistance in filling a claim. Learn more about [Agent Orange](#) or call 800-827-1000 for more information. [The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019](#), signed into law by President Trump June 25, 2019 and effective January 1, [extends the presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with herbicide exposure](#). To date, the VA has collectively awarded \$641 million to more than 22,524 Blue Water Navy Veterans or survivors.



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VA WINS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR ITS IN-HOUSE INNOVATION APPROVING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR VETERANS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it received the highest level of distinction within the [Gears of Government President's Award](#) program for three innovations that have greatly improved services for Veterans at VA hospitals across the country.

The award recognized [Veterans Health Administration Innovation Ecosystem \(VHA IE\)](#) staff responsible for curating, funding and expanding in-house innovations, which include practices to [de-prescribe unnecessary medicine to Veterans](#), [prevent hospital acquired pneumonia](#) and [reduce opioid overdose deaths at VA campuses](#).

"The VHA IE team has transformed the way VA employees view the culture of innovation in our organization," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VHA IE truly empowers frontline employees to help improve services for Veterans by investing in the infrastructure necessary to adopt cutting edge solutions in collaboration with academic and industry partners. By providing staff with proper resources to develop their ideas, we are now able to turn those ideas into real, workable concepts."

Since its reconfiguration in 2018, VHA IE has helped reshape employees' ability to discover and spread their innovations throughout the VA health care system. To date, VHA IE innovation projects have improved care for more than 1 million Veterans, lowered costs for taxpayers by over \$40 million, saved lives from opioid overdoses and advanced care for the entire field of medicine.

VHA IE was selected from over 200 teams and individuals for outstanding mission results, customer service and accountable stewardship.

Learn more about [VHA IE](#).



Gears of Government Awards **Hall of Winners**

Recognizing individuals and teams across the Federal workforce whose dedication supports exceptional delivery of key outcomes for the American people, specifically around **mission results**, **customer service**, and **accountable stewardship**.

GALLANTLY FORWARD

2020 GALA

SATURDAY, October 17th

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KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:

SGT Derr battled with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following his combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. We honor Colton by helping his fellow veterans.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2—Veterans Stand Down—VOA Veterans Service Center (1113 E. 14th Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am—2:00 pm (CT)
 Oct 3—SGT Allen Kokesh Jr. Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—Yankton County Court House—1:00 pm (CT)
 Oct 3—Midwest Honor Flight Hangar Dance—SD Military Heritage Alliance (1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—7:00 pm (CT)
 Oct 14—SGT Daniel Busse Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—Highmore High School Auditorium—1:30 pm (CT)
 Oct 21—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Sioux Falls
 Nov 11—SSG Jason W. Montefering and SGT Jeremiah Boehmer Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—Parkston High School Auditorium—9:00 am (CT)
 Nov 13—VABHHCS VSO Congressional Forum—Domiciliary Auditorium—Hot Springs VAMC—10:00 am (MT)
 Dec 1—Governor’s State of the Budget Address—1:00 pm (CT)
 Jan 12—Governor’s State of the State Address—1:00 pm (CT)
 Jan 13—SDDVA/SD Veterans Council Legislative Reception



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